



Appln. No. 09/582,870

REMARKS

New claims 16-28 have been added to place this application in better form for examination.

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicant hereby elects species I, directed to the embodiment of Fig. 7. Clearly, as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 1896 at page 1800-126 of the February 2000 revision, Rule 141 is not applicable to the present PCT application. Further, M.P.E.P. § 823 indicates that Chapter 1800 is applicable for determining Unity of Invention under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, instead of Chapter 800. Thus, the two citations noted by the Examiner in support of the reasons for the outstanding Election Requirement are not applicable to the instant situation. The undersigned is not aware of any passage that supports an election of species requirement in a PCT application and indeed believes that such requirements are not proper. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw his requirement as it applies to the instant application.


Please note that all claims are generic to all species and should be examined together. For the above-stated reason, favorable action in the above-identified application on all claims is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner of hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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